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COURSE OUTLINE FOR FOUR 1-HOUR PERIODS ON WORK METHODS

WITH OIDER 4-H BOYS AND GIRLS AND LOCAL LEADERS

lst period - Purpose: To explain what is meant by work simplification, and how it can help those who have work to do on a farm.

10 minutes - Explanation and reasons for the course (mimeog.).

- 30 " Story of how a dairy farmer made improvements on his farm, illustrated with slides, charts, and photographs.
- 10 " Summary of changes made and reasons for them (mimeog.).
- Discussion of work to be done in the remaining sessions (mimeog.).

2d period - Purpose: To provide an opportunity for the class to think through the improvements that might be made on some farm jobs normally done by boys and girls.

- 30 minutes Discussion and development of the class problem-rearrangement of a poultry house lay-out for easier
  work in feeding, vatering, cleaning, and gathering
  eggs (multilith).
- Discussion of some of the principles of work simplification for improving work in and around buildings (mimeog.).
- 20 " Dramatization of making changes on the Sam Thompson farm (record No. 7 of the 8-point dairy program, "The Farmer in the Dough").
- 3d period Purpose: To bring out the points that need to be considered in hand jobs of a repetitive nature (contrasted with chore jobs in and around buildings).
  - 20 minutes Demonstration--putting matches in a board (participated in by various members of the class--timed with a stop watch, and methods discussed).
  - 10 " Discussion of some of the principles of work simplification for improving work methods on repetitive operations (mimeog.).
  - 15 " Application to home jobs (photographs).
  - Application to farm jobs (picking up potatoes—16 mm. film).

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4th period - Purpose: To review the steps in analyzing a job and working out a better method.

- 20 minutes Demonstration of the job of assembling two sheets of paper, including folding, stapling, and piling (participation of the class in making a break-down of the job).
- Explanation of the four-step procedure used in improving work methods (Extension Farm Labor Circular No. 22).
- " Illustration of the demonstration with 16 mm. film,
  "Take It Apart and Put It Together Again," showing
  a break-down of the job and the improved method.
- Review of forms provided in the Westinghouse Better Farm and Home Methods Electric Contest.

NOTE: If more than four 1-hour periods are available, the additional time should be used in giving members of the class an opportunity to demonstrate use of the four-step procedure on a job of their own-provided time for preparation is available outside the class period.